9 Need for registering *poramboke* and *puduval* lands in the names of Parayas.

Mr. Kandan Kumaran (Member, Nominated) said that, though the subject had been repeatedly brought up in several sessions of the Assembly, no real benefits had so far accrued to the community in getting lands registered. It was due to the unsympathetic treatment accorded to them by the subordinate officers of the Revenue Department, especially the *pakuthi* subordinates who did not allow the Parayas even to approach the *pakuthi* cutcherries. More than 700 applications had been submitted by Parayas for the registry of lands in the Chengannur, Thiruvalla, Mavelikara, Changanacherry, Kunnathur and other taluks, but none of them was favourably disposed of. The lands applied for by the Parayas were being subsequently registered in the names of other people and the prior applicants used to get endorsements to the effect that the lands applied for were not available for registry. The Member had applied for the registry of 28 cents of land in Survey No. 355/8 in the Thiruvalla *pakuthi* for erecting a temple for the use of the community but his request was not granted. There were many tracts unfit for forest conservancy in several of the proposed Reserves, such as the Thollayirakuzhimannu in the Valiakavu Reserve, Kalappakkottumannu and Srampilmannu in the Alapra Reserve, Aruvelikattumannu and Anakuzhimannu in the Madamon Reserve and several such blocks in the Kodumon Reserve. The above tracts might be assigned in the names of Parayas.

He next prayed that the Government might be pleased to devise means by which the Parayas might be helped through Co-operative Societies.

Lastly, the Member requested that the lands on both sides of the road leading from the Manimala Reserve to Rani-Perumpuzha Kadavu, might be registered in the names of Parayas as prayed for by them at the 12th and 13th sessions of the Assembly.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration.

10. Difficulties experienced by converts from depressed classes to Christianity in the matter of *puduval* registry.

Mr. Abraham Isaac (Member, Nominated) said that G. O. No. 2290, dated 23rd April 1917, regarding the grant of *pandaravagai tharisu* lands to the members of the depressed classes, was a real boon to them. But the applications made by the members of his community in pursuance of the above G. O. had not met with favourable results because of the unsympathetic attitude of the officers of the Revenue Department. Not an inch of wet land had so far been registered in their names. The Member said that the truth of his statement would be borne out if a list was called for as to the number of applications received in each taluk since the issue of the G. O., the extent of the lands applied for, the number of applications granted, the area assigned in pursuance of the above applications, the number of applications rejected and the reasons for rejecting them.

The Member prayed that the *tharisu*, *poramboke* and *thanathuchitta* lands lying adjacent to towns, etc., referred to in the G. O., and also other lands named below be ordered to be registered to them, *viz*, Survey Nos. 369/1 and 379/1 known as Kanakapalam in the Erumeli *pakuthi*, Survey No. 779/1 in the Ranni *pakuthi*, the available lands in the Valiakavu, Alapra, Chethacal, Karinkulam, Noorvakad and other reserves, Kalaketti forests and adjoining *tharisu* lands in the Meenachil taluk and the old road at the 5th mile and between the 13th and 15th miles of the Kottayam-Peermade road. He also requested that extensive coupes in the Nedumangad taluk, the tree growth on which was being removed by the Forest Department, might be registered in their names. They were often mercilessly turned out from their dwellings on the ground that they had encroached upon *porambokes* and grazing grounds, though such *porambokes* as were not essential for Government purposes might be registered in the names of the occupants. The following tracts could thus be assigned, *viz.*, 91 acres in Survey Nos. 519/1, 520/1 and 521/1 in the Vadayar *pakuthi*, Vaikam taluk, 100 acres in Survey Nos. 707/1 and 702/1 in the same *pakuthi*, certain lands near Illikotta, 218 acres in Survey Nos. 23/3 A and 23/1, in the Manchadikara *pakuthi*, Changanacherry taluk and 30 acres in Survey No. 499/1 in the Perur *pakuthi*, Ettumanur taluk.

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